

This we did and had a very enjoyable dinner.

Soup
Salmon with lettuce and a delicious sauce
Roast Beef (cooked just right)
Mashed potatoes
Cauliflower (fine)
Pudding
Coffee
Crackers and cheese
Candies

Two wines were served. The things to eat sure did taste good and I was almost ashamed of my appetite. The other two officers were Canadian and the four of us had a delightful time talking and discussing various questions, some of which related to the war. Major Reynolds lives in one of the best houses in Proven. Some months ago Proven was shelled to a slight extent and many of the inhabitants left and went over into France. They became refugees (no matter how rich they are) and cannot return until the war is over or the British and other troops move forward away from the town. In the meantime the British take over all the vacant places and have the full use of them. This family, which was quite wealthy, left all their furniture and this is being used by the Area Commandant, Major Reynolds. The house is right on the street and on each side the houses meet it like our block houses in New York. From the outside it does not look any more pretentious than the neighbors but on the inside there is the big change. House is well decorated and furnished. There is a conservatory off the dining room that is used as a sun parlor or sitting room. Neatly furnished and some plants. The most noticeable thing in the conservatory is a large grape vine which has been trained up the sides and across the glass roof and is right now just full of clusters of grapes. At first you almost think it is an artificial decoration. Leading from the conservatory is a walk to the garden. The Major is well fixed, but he deserves all he gets for his job is not an easy one.

The Major did not return and at 10 p.m. we started back for camp. I learned later that Major Reynolds was out at one of the Foreway Camps (Canadian) and they absolutely refused to let him come home. Made him stay for their dinner.

Today was evacuation day for our platoons and all but D2 changed their camps. Seven platoons went up to the front line.